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With the *Proofs* thereof out of the *Scriptures.*

Quest. 1.

WHAT *is the chief End of Man?*

A. Man's chief End is to glorifie God, *a* and to enjoy him for *b* ever

a 1 *Cor.* 10 31. *Rom.* 11. 26. b *Psal.* 73. 24. to the end.

q. 2. *What Rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorifie and enjoy him?*

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New *c* Testament, is the onely Rule to direct us how we may glorifie and enjoy *d* him.

c 2 *Tim.* 3. 17. *Eph.* 2. 20. d 1 *Joh.* 1. 2, 4.

q. 3. *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what *e* duty God requires of *f* man.

2 *Tim.* 1. 13. 3. 16. *Joh.* 3. 24. e *Exod.* 3 14. g *Exod.* 34. 6, 7.

q. 4. *What is God?*

A. God is a *f* Spirit, *g* infinite, *h* eternal, *i* and *k* unchangeable in his *k* being, *l* wisdom, *m* power,

h *Psal.* 147. 4. i *Apoc.* 4. 8. k *Apoc* 15. 5. l *Exo.* 34. 6, 7.

m *Job.* 11. 7. 8, 9.
n *Psal.* 90. 2. *James* 1. 17.
p *Deut.* 6. 4. *Jer.* 10. 10.
q 1 *John* 5. 7. *Matt.* 28. 19.
r *Eph.* 1. 4, 11. *Rom.* 9. 22, 33.
s *Gen.* 1 *cap.* *Heb.* 11. 3.
t *Gen.* 8. 28, 27, 28. *Col.* 3. 10. *Eph.* 4, 24.
u *Psal.* 145. 17.
w *Psal.* 104. 4. *Isa.* 28. 29.
x *Psal.* 103. 19. *Matt.* 10. 29, 30, 31.
y *Heb.* 1., 3.

m power n holiness, justice, goodness, & o tru

Q. 5. *Are there more Gods than one?*

A. There is but one only, the living a true p God.

Q. 6. *How many persons are there in t Godhead?*

A. There are three Persons in the Go head, the Father, the Son and the Holy Gho and these three are one God, the same substance. equal in power and q glory.

Q. 7. *What are the Decrees of God?*

A. The Decrees of God are his eter purpose, according to the counsel of his W whereby for his own glory, he hath fore- dained whatsoever comes to r pass.

q. 8. *How doth God execute his Decrees?*

A. God executeth his Decrees in t works of his Creation and Providence.

Q. 9. *What is the work of Creation?*

A. The work of Creation is Gods making things of nothing by the word of his pow in the space of six days, and all very s goo

q. 10. *How did God create Man?*

A. God created Man, Male and Female, a ter his own Image, in knowledge, righteon ness, and holiness, with Dominion over th t Creatures.

q. 11. *What are God's works of Providence*

A. God's works of Providence are, h most u holy, w wise, and x powerfull prese ving and governing all his Creatures, and a their y actions.

q. 12. *What special act of Providence d God exercise toward Man in the estate where he was created?*

A. When God had created Man he entre

to a Covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of *z* death. z *Gal.* 3. 12. *Gen.* 2. 7.

q. 13. *Did our first Parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?*

A. Our first Parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created by sinning against *a* God. a *Gen.* 3. 6, 7, 8, 13. *Eccles.* 7. 13.

q. 14. *what is sin?*

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of the law of *b* God. b 1 *John* 3. 4.

q. 15. *whas was the sin whereby our first Parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?*

A. The sin whereby our first Parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was the eating of the forbidden *c* fruit. c *Gen.* 36. 12.

q. 6. *Did all Mankind fall in* Adams *first transgression?*

A. The covenant being made with *Adam*, not only for himself, but for his posterity all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first *d* transgression. d *Gen.* 2 16, 17. *Rom.* 5. 12. 1 *Cor.* 15. 21, 22.

q. 17. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?*

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and *e* misery. e *Rom.* 5. 12.

q. 18. *wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?*

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell; consists in the guilt of *Adams* first sin, the want of original Righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original sin, together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it, f *Rom.* 5, 21, 19.

Q. 19. *what is the misery of that ſtate whereinto Man fell?*

A. All mankind by their fall loſt Communion with *g* God, are under his wrath and *h* curſe, and ſo made liable to all miſeries in this life, to death it ſelf, and to the pains of Hell for *i* ever.

g Gen. 3.8,10, 24.
h Eph. 2. 3. Gal. 3.10.
i Lam. 3. 93. Rom. 6. 23. Mat. 25.41,46.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to periſh in the ſtate of ſin and miſery?*

A. God having out of his meer good pleaſure, from all eternity elected ſome to everlaſting *k* life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the ſtate of ſin and miſery, and to bring them into a ſtate of Salvation, by a *l* Redeemer.

k Eph. 1.4.

Q. 21. *who is the Redeemer of Gods Elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of Gods Elect is the Lord Jeſus *m* Chriſt, who being the eternal Son of God, became *n* man, and ſo was, and continues to be God, and Man in two diſtinct natures, and one perſon for *o* ever.

l Rom. 3. 20: 21, 22. Gal. 3. 21, 22.
m 1 Tim. 2. 5, 6.
n John 1. 14. Gal. 4. 4.
o Rom. 9. 5. Luke 1. 35. Col. 2. 9. Heb. 7. 24, 25:

Q. 22. *How did Chriſt being the Son of God become man?*

A. Chriſt the Son of God became man by taking to himſelf a *p* true body, and reaſonable *q* ſoul; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghoſt, in the Womb of the Virgin *Mary*, and born of her *r* without *ſ* ſin.

p Heb. 2. 14. 16. & 10. 5.
q Mat. 26. 28.
r Luke 1. 27. 31, 35, 43. Gal. 4. 4.
ſ Heb. 4. 15. & 7. 66.

Q. 23. *what Offices doth Chriſt execute as our Redeemer?*

A. Chriſt as our Redeemer executeth the Office of a Prophet, of a Prieſt, and of a King, both in his eſtate of Humiliation and *t* Exaltation.

t Act. 3. 21. 22. Heb. 12. 25.

Q. 24. *How doth Chriſt execute the Office of a Prophet?* *A.* Ch

A. Christ executeth the Office of *s* Prophet, in revealing to us by his word and spirit the will of God for our *t* salvation.

Q. 25. *How doth Christ execute the Office of a Priest?*

A. Christ executeth the Office of a Priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfie Divine Justice, and reconcile us to *x* God, and in making continual intercession for *y* us.

Q. 26. *How doth Christ execute the Office of a King?*

A. Christ executeth the Office of a King in subduing us to *z* himself, in ruling *a* and defending *b* us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our Enemies.

Q. 27 *Wherein did Christs Humiliation consist?*

A. Christ's Humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low *d* condition, made under the *e* law, undergoing the miseries of this *f* life, the wrath of *g* God and the cursed death of the *h* Cross, in being *i* buried and continuing under the power of death for a *k* time.

Q. 28. *Wherein consists Christ's Exaltation?*

A. Christ's Exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third *l* day, in ascending up into *m* Heaven and sitting at the right hand of God the *n* Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last *o* day.

Q. 29. *How are we made partakers of the Redemption purchased by Christ?*

A. We are made partakers of the Redemption purchased by Christ; by the effectual application of it to *p* us by his holy *q* spirit.

Q. 30. *How doth the Spirit apply to us the Redemption purchased by Christ?*

A.

s *John* 1. 13. 1 *Pet.* 1. 10, 11, 12.
t *John* 15. 15. and 20. 31. 1.
x *Heb.* 9. 14. 28. *Heb.* 1. 27.
y *Heb.* 1. 24, 24.
z *Act.* 15. 14, 15, 16.
a *Isa.* 33. 22.
b *Isa.* 22. 1, 2.
c 1 *Cor.* 15. 25. *Psal.* 110. per totum.
d *Luke* 2. 7.
e *Gal.* 4. 4.
f *Heb.* 12. 2, 3.
g *Luke* 27. 44. *Mat.* 27. 56.
h *Phil.* 2. 8.
i 1 *Cor.* 15. 3.
k *Act.* 2. 24, 25, 26, 27, 31.
l 1 *Cor.* 15. 4.
m *Mat.* 16. 19.
n *Eph.* 5. 20.
o *Act.* 1. 11. 8. 17. 31.

p *Tit.* 3. 5, 6.
q *Joh.* 1. 11, 12,

A. The Spirit applied to us the Redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and *r* thereby uniting us to Christ our effectual *s* calling.

q. 31. *What is effectual calling?*

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's *t* spirit, whereby convinsing us of our sin and *u* misery, enlightning our minds in the knowledge of *w* Christ, and renewing our *x* wills he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offer'd to us in the Gospel.

q. 32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called, partake of in this life?*

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of *y* Justification, *a* Adoption, Sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany, or flow from *b* them.

q. 33. *What is Justification?*

A. Justification is an act of *c* God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his *d* sight only for the righteousnes of Christ imputed to *e* us, and received by faith *f* alone.

q. 34. *What is Adoption?*

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace whereby we are received into the number and have a right to all the priviledges of the Sons of *g* God.

q. 35. *What is Sanctification?*

A. Sanctification is the work of Gods free *h* grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man, after the Image of *i* God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousnes

q. 36 *What are the benefits which in this life*

r Eph. 1. 13, 14. Joh. 6. 37, 39.
s Eph. 28. Eph. 3. 17. 1 Cor. 1. 9.
t 2 Tim. 1. 9. 2 Thes. 2. 13, 14.
u Acts 2. 37.
w Acts 26. 18.
x Eze. 36. 26, 27.
y Joh. 6. 44, 45. Psal. 2. 13.
z Rom. 8. 30.
a Eph. 1. 5.
b 1 Cor. 1. 26. 30.
c Rom. 3. 21, 25. & 4, 6, 7, 8.
d 2 Cor. 5. 17. 21.
e Rom. 5. 17, 18, 19.
f Gal. 2. 16. Phil. 3. 9.
g 1 Joh. 3. 1.
h Joh. 1. 13. Rom. 8. 17. 2 Thes. 2. 13. Eph. 4. 13, 14.

o accompany, or flow from Justification, Adop-
on and Sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from Justification, Adoption and Sanctification, are assurance of Gods love, peace of *m* conscience, joy in the holy Ghost, increase of *o* grace, and perseverance therein to the *p* end.

q. 30. *what benefits do believers receive from Christ at their death?*

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect *q* in holiness, and do immediately pass into *r* glory, and their bodies being still united to *s* Christ, do rest in their graves *t* till the *u* resurrection.

q. 38. *what benefits do believers receive from Christ at the Resurrection?*

A. At the Resurrection, believers being raised up to *w* glory, shall be openly acknowledged, and acquitted in the day of *x* Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in full enjoying of *y* God, to all *z* eternity.

q. 39. *what is the Duty that God requires of man?*

A. The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed *a* will.

q. 40. *what did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the Moral *b* Law.

q. 41. *where is the Law summarily comprehended?*

A. The Moral Law is summarily comprehended in the ten *c* commandments.

q. 42. *what is the sum of the ten commandments?*

A. The sum of the ten Commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our hearts,

m *Rom.* 5. 12, 5.
n *Rom.* 14. 17.
o *Prov.* 4. 18.
p 1 *Joh.* 5. 13.
1 *Pet.* 1. 5.
q *Heb.* 12. 22.
r 2 *Co.* 5. 1, 6, 8. *Phil.* 1. 2. *luke* 22. 43.
s 1 *Thes.* 4. 14.
t *Isa.* 57. 2.
u *Job.* 19. 26, 27.
w 1 *Cor.* 15. 43.
x *Mat.* 25. 23. *Mat.* 10. 22.
y 1 *Joh.* 3. 2.
1 *cor.* 13. 12.
z 1 *Thes.* 4. 17, 18.
a *Mic.* 6. 8. 1 *Sam.* 15. 22.
b *Rom.* 2. 14, 15. & 10. 5.
c *Deut.* 10. 5.

with all our soul with all our strength, & w
d *Mat.* 22. 37, 38, 39, 40. all our mind and our neighbour as our *d* self w

Q. 43. *What is the Preface to the Ten Co mandments?*

A. The Preface to the Ten Comman
e *Exod.* 20. 2. ments is in these words, *e I am the Lord God, which have brought the out of the La of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.*

Q. 44. *What did the Preface of the Ten Co mandments teach us?*

A. The Preface to the Ten Comman ments teach us, that because God is the Lo and our God and Redeemer, therefore
f *Luke* 1. 74, 75. 1 *Pet.* 1. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. are bound to keep all his *f* Commandment

Q. 45. *Which is the first Commandment*

A. The first Commandment is, [*Thou sh have no other Gods before me.*
g *Exod.* 20. 3.

Q. 46. *What is required in the first Co mandment?*

A. The first Commandment requireth to know and acknowledge God to be the o
h 1 *Chro.* 28. 9. *Deut.* 26. 17 ly true God and our *h* God, and to worsh
i *Mat.* 4. 10. *Psal.* 29. 2. and glorifie him *i* accordingly.

Q. 47. *What is forbidden in the first Co mandment?*

A. The first Commandment forbiddeth t
k *Psal.* 14. 1. l *Rom.* 1. 21. m *Psal.* 18. 10, 11. *k* denying, or not worshipping and glorif ing the true *l* God as God, and our *m* Go and the giving that worship and glory any other, which is due to him alone.
n *Rom.* 1. 25, 26.

Q. 48. *What are we especially taught by the words,* Before me, *in the first Commandmen*

A. These words *Before me* in the first Co mandment teach us, that God seeth
o *Ezek.* 8. 5. to the end. things, taketh notice, and is much displeas with the sin of having any other *o* God.

Q. 4

Q. 49. *which is the second Commandment?*
A. The second Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven Image, or any likeness of any thing, that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thy self to them nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my Commandments.*

Q. 50. *what is required in the second Commandment?*
A. The second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such Religious Worship and Ordinances, as God hath appointed in his Word.

Q. 51. *what is forbidden in the second Commandment?*
A. The second Commandment forbiddeth the Worshipping of God by *r* Images or any other way not appointed in his *ſ* Word.

Q. 52. *what are the Reasons annexed to the second Commandment?*
A. The Reasons annexed to the second Commandment, are Gods Soveraignty over *t* us, his propriety in *u* us, and the zeal he hath to his own *w* Worship.

Q. 53. *which is the third Commandment?*
A. The third Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in* x *vain.*

Q. . *what is required in the third Commandment?*
A. The

p *Exod.* 20. 4. 5, 6.
q *Deut.* 32. 40. *Mat.* 28. 20. *Acts* 2. 42.
r *Deut.* 12. 31.
ſ *Deut.* 12. 31, 32.
t *Pſ.* 95. 2, 3, 6.
u *Pſ.* 145. 11.
w *Exod.* 34. 31, 14.
x *Exod.* 20. 7.

A. The third Commandment requires the holy and reverend use of Gods Name χ Titles, *a* Attributes, *b* Ordinances, *c* Word and *d* Works.

y *Mat.* 6. 9. *Deut.* 28. 58. z *Psal.* 68. 4. a *Apoc.* 15. 3, 4. b *Mal* 1. 11. 14. c *Ps.* 138. 1, 2. d *Job.* 36. 24. e *Mal.* 1, 6, 7. 12. & 2. 2. & 5. 14.

Q. 55. *What is forbidden in the third Commandment?*

A. The third Commandment forbiddeth all prophaning or abusing of any thing whereby God makes himself *e* known.

Q. 56 *What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?*

A. The reason annexed to the third Commandment is, that however the breakers of this Commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous *f* Judgment.

f 1 *Sam.* 2. 12, 17. & 22. 29. 1 *Sam.* 3. 13. *Deut.* 28. 58,

Q. 57. *Which is the fourth Commandment?*

A. The fourth Commandment is, [*Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy? six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work thou, nor thy Son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattel, nor the stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and* g *hallowed it.*

g *Exod.* 20. 8, 9, 10, 11.

q. 58. *What is required in the fourth Commandment?*

A. The fourth Commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word, expressly one whole day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to *h* himself.

h *Deut.* 5. 12, 13, 14.

q. 59. *which day of the seventh hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?* A.

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath, and the first day of the week ever since to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian *i* Sabbath.

i *Gen.* 2. 2, 3. 1 *Cor.* 16. 1. 2. *Act.* 20. 7.

q. 60. *How is the sabbath to be sanctified?*

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that *k* day, even from such worldly imployments and recreations, as are lawful on other days, and spending the whole time in the publick and private exercises of Gods *m* Worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and *n* mercy.

k *Exod.* 20. 8, 18. l *Exod.* 16. 25. 26, 27, 28. *Neh.* 13. 15. *to* 22*d. verse.* m *Mat.* 12. 1. *to* 13. n *luc.* 4. 16. *Act.* 20. 7. *Psal.* 9. 2. *Isa.* 66. 23. *Ezek.* 22. 26. *Amos* 8. 5. *Mal.* 1. 12.

q. 61. *what is forbidden in the fourth Commandment?*

A. The fourth Commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by *p* idleness, or doing that which is in it self *q* sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works about worldly imployments or *r* recreations.

p *Act.* 20. 7, 9. q *Ezek.* 23 38. r *Jer.* 17. 24, 25, 26. *Isa.* 58. 13.

q. 62. *what are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?*

A. The Reasons annexed to the fourth Commandment, are Gods allowing us six days of the week for our own *s* imployments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh his own example and his blessing the *t* Sabbath day.

s *Exod.* 28. 9.

q. 63. *which is the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth Commandment is, [*Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee,*

t *Exod.* 20. 11. u *Exod.* 20. 12.

q. 65.

Q. 64. *What is required in the fifth Commandment?*

A. The fifth Commandment requires the preserving the honour, and performing the duties belonging to every one in their several places, and Relations, as *w* superiours, *x* inferiours, or *y* equals.

w *Eph.* 5. 21.
x 1 *Pet.* 2. 17.
y *Rom.* 12. 10.

Q. 65. *what is forbidden in the fifth Commandment?*

A. The fifth Commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing any thing against the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and *z* relations.

z *Mat.* 15. 4, 5, 6. *Ezek.* 34. 2, 3, 4. *Rom.* 13. 8.

Q. 66 *what is the reason annexed to the fifth Commandment?*

A. The reason annexed to the fifth Commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this *a* Commandment.

a *Deut.* 5. 16. *Eph.* 6. 2, 3.

Q. 67. *what is the sixth Commandment?*

A. The sixth Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not* b *kill.*

b *Exod.* 20. 13.

Q. 68. *what is required in the sixth Commandment?*

A. The sixth Commandment requireth all lawful endeavour to preserve our own *c* life, and the life of *d* others.

c *Eph.* 5. 28, 29.
d 1 *Kin.* 18. 4.

Q. 69. *what is forbidden in the sixth Commandment?*

A. The sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, and whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

e *Acts* 16. 28. *Gen* 9. 6.

Q. 70. *which is the seventh Commandment?*

f *Exod.* 20. 14.

A. The seventh Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not commit Adultery.*

Q. 71.

Q. 71. *What is required in the seventh Commandment?*

A. The seventh Commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbours chastity, in *f* speech, heart and *g* behaviour.

Q. 72. *What is forbidden in the seventh Commandment?*

A. The seventh Commandment *h* forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

Q. 73. *Which is the eighth Commandment?*

A. The eighth Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not* i *steal.*

Q. 74 *What is required in the eighth Commandment?*

A. The eighth Commandment requireth the lawful procuring, and furthering, the wealth, and outward estate of our selves and *k* others.

Q. 75. *What is forbidden in the eighth Commandment?*

A. The eighth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbours wealth, or outward *l* estate.

Q. 76. *Which is the ninth Commandment?*

A. The ninth Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy* m *neighbour.*

Q. 77. *What is required in the ninth Commandment?*

A. The ninth Commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and *n* man, and of our own, and our neighbours good *o* name, especially in witness *p* bearing,

Q. 8,

f 1 *Cor.* 7. 2, 3, 4, 5, 36.
g *Col.* 4. 6.
1 *Pet.* 3. 2.
h *Mat.* 15. 19. & 5. 28. *Eph.* 5. 3, 4.
i *Exod.* 20. 15.
k *Gen.* 30. 30.
1 *Tim.* 5. 8.
Lev. 25. 35.
Deut. 22. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Exod. 23. 4, 5.
Gen. 47. 14, 20.
l *Prov.* 11. 17. & 23. 20, 21. & 28. 19. *Eph.* 4. 28.
m *Exod.* 20. 16.
n *Zech.* 8. 16.
o 3 *Joh.* 5. 12.
p *Pr.* 10. 5, 25.

q. 78. *what is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth Commandment forbidde whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or neighbours good *q* nam

q. 79. *which is the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth Commandment is, [*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his Man-servant nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy r neighbours.*

q. 80. *what is required in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own *s* condition with a right and charitable frame of spirit towards our neighbour, and all that is *t* his.

q. 81. *what is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth Commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own *u* state envying or grieving at the good of our *x* neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is *x* his.

q. 82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

A. No meer man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God *y* but daily doth break them in thought, word and *q* deed.

q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the Laws equally hainous?*

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more hainous in the sight of God than *a* others.

q. 84. *what doth every sin deserve?*

A. Eve-

q 1 *Sam.* 11. 28. *Lev.* 19. 16. *Psal.* 15. 3.
r *Exod.* 20. 17.
s *Heb.* 13. 5. 1 *Tim.* 6. 6.
t *John* 31. 29, *Rom.* 12. 15, 1 *Tim.* 1, 5, 1 *cor.* 13, 4, 5, 6, 7.
u 1 *Kin.* 21, 4, *Esth.* 5, 13, 1 *cor.* 10, 10,
w *Gal.* 5, 6, *Jam.* 3, 15, 16,
x *Rom.* 7, 7, 8, & 13, 9, *Deut.* 5, 21,
y *Ecc* 7, 20, 1 *Joh.* 1, 8, 10, *Gal.* 5, 17,
z *Gen.* 6, 5, & 8, 21, *Rom.* 3. 9. to 21. *Jam.* 3. 2, to 13.
a *Ezek.* 8. 6. 13. 15. 1 *Joh.* 5. 6. *Psa.* 78. 17. 32. 56.

A. Every Sin deſerveth Gods wrath and curſe, both in this life, and that which is to come.

q. 85. *VVhat doth God require of us, that we may eſcape the wrath and curſe due to us for ſin.*

A. To eſcape the wrath and curſe of God due to us for ſin, God requireth of us Faith in Jeſus Chriſt, Repentance unto c life, with the diligent uſe of all outward means whereby Chriſt communicated to us the benefits of d Redemption.

q. 86. *VVhat is Faith in Jeſus Chriſt?*

A. Faith in *Jeſus Chriſt* is a ſaving e grace whereby we receive and reſt upon him alone for Salvation, as he is offered to us in the f Goſpel.

q. 87. *VVhat is Repentance unto life?*

A. Repentance unto life is a ſaving g grace, whereby a ſinner ont of a true ſenſe of his h ſin and apprehenſion of the mercy of God in i Chriſt, doth with grief and hatred of his ſin, turn from it unto k God with full purpoſe of, and endeavour after l new obedience.

q. 88 *VVhat are the outward means, whereby Chriſt communicateth to us the benefits of Redemption.*

A. The outward and ordinary means, whereby Chriſt communicateth to us the benefits of Redemption, are his Ordinances, eſpecially the Word, Sacraments and Prayer, all which are made effectual to the Elect for m Salvation.

q. 89. *How is the VVord made effectual to Salvation?*

b *Eph.* 5.6. *Gal.* 3.10. *Lam.* 3.39. *Matt.* 15.41.

c *Acts* 20, 21.

d *Prov.* 2.1. *to* 8. 33 *to the end.* *Iſaah* 55.3.

e *Heb.* 10.39.

f *John* 1.12. *Iſaah* 26.34. *Phil.* 3.19.

g *Acts* 11,18, h *Acts* 2,37, 38.13. *John* 2,12, *Jer.* 2,12, *Jer.* 31,18,19. *Ezec.* 36.31, 1 2 *Cor.* 7,11. *Pſal.* 16,17.

m *Matt.* 28,19, 20, *Acts* 20,42,47.

A. The Spirit of God maketh the Rea
ings, but especially the preaching of t
Word, an effectual means of convinci
and converting sinners, and of building the
up in holiness and comfort through Fai
unto *n* Salvation.

n Neh. 8. 8.
1 Co. 14. 24, 25.
Acts 6. 18.
Psal. 19. 8.
Acts 28. 32.
Rom. 15. 4.
2 *Tim.* 3. 15, 16, 17.
Ro. 10. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, *and* 1. 16.
o 1 *Pet.* 2. 1, 2.
p *Psa.* 19. 18.
q *Prov.* 8. 34.
r *Heb.* 4. 2 *Thes.* 2. 10.
s *Psal.* 119. 11.
t *Luke* 8. 15. *Jam.* 1. 25.
u 1 *Pet.* 3. 21. *Mat.* 3 11. 1 *Cor.* 36. 7.
w 1 *cor.* 12. 12.
x *Gen.* 17. 7. *Exod.* 12. 1. *Co.* 11. 25, 26.
y *Mat.* 28. 2.
z *Mat.* 26. 29, 27, 28.
a *Mat.* 18. 19.

Q. 90. *How is the Word to be read a*
heard, that it may become effectual to salvatio

A. That the Word may become effectu
to Salvation, we must attend thereunto wi
o diligence, preparation *p* and *q* prayer, r
ceive it with faith and *r* love, lay it up
our *s* hearts, and practice it in our *t* lives.

Q. 91. *How do the Sacraments become effect*
al means of salvation?

A. The Sacraments become effectu
means of Salvation, not from any vertue
them, or in him that doth administer them
but only by the blessing of *u* Christ and th
working of the Spirit in them, that by fai
receive *w* them.

Q. 92. *What is a Sacrament?*

A. A Sacrament is an holy Ordinance i
stituted by Christ, wherein by sensible sign
Christ and the benefits of the New Cove
nant are represented sealed and applied to
believer.

Q. 93. *Which are the Sacraments of th*
New Testament?

A. The Sacraments of the New Testa
ment are *y* Baptism and the Lords *z* Supper

Q. 94. *What is Baptism?*

A. Baptism is a Sacrament, wherein th
washing with Water in the Name of the Fa
ther and of the Son, and of the holy *a* Ghos
doth signifie and seal our ingrafting int
Chri

Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our ingagement to be the *b* Lords.

b *Rom.* 6. 1. *Gal.* 3. 27.

Q. 95. *To whom is Baptisme to be administred?*

A. Baptism is not to be administred to any that are out of the visible Church, till they profess their Faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible Church are to be *d* baptised.

c *Acts* 8. 36, 37, & 2. 38.
d *Act.* 2. 38, 39. *Gen.* 17. 10. *Col.* 2. 11, 12. 1 *Cor.* 7. 14.

Q. 96. *What is the Lords Supper?*

A. The Lords Supper is a Sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving Bread and Wine according to Christs appointment, his death is shew'd forth; and the worthy receivers are not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by Faith made partakers of his Body and Blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in *e* grace.

e 1 *Cor.* 11. 12, 24, 24, 25, 26, *and* 10. 16.

Q. 97. *What is required of the worthy receiving of the Lords Supper?*

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lords Supper, that they examine themselves, of their knowledge to discern the Lords *f* Body, of their Faith to feed upon *g* him, of their *h* Repentance *i* love, and new *k* obedience: lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink *l* judgment to themselves.

f 1 *Cor.* 11. 28, 29.
g 2 *Cor.* 13. 5.
h 1 *Cor.* 11. 31.
i 1 *Co.* 10. 16, 17.
k 1 *Co.* 5. 7, 8.
l 1 *Co.* 13. 28, 29.

Q. 98. *What is Prayer?*

A. Prayer is an offering of our desires to *m* God for things agreeable to his *n* will, in the Name of *o* Christ, with confession of our *p* sins and thankful acknowledgment of his *q* mercies.

m *Psa.* 6. 2, 8.
n 1 *Joh.* 5. 15.
o *Joh.* 16. 3.
p *Psal.* 32. 5, 6. *Dan.* 9. 4.
q *Phil.* 4. 6.

Q. 99. *What Rule hath God given for our direction in Prayer.*

1 *John* 5,14, *A.* The whole Word of God is of use
direct us in Prayer, but the special rule
direction is, that form of Prayer which Chr
tought his Disciples, commonly called, T
Lords f *Prayer.*

f *Mat*, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, *Luke* 11, 2, 3, 4, q. 100. *What doth the Preface of the Lor*
Prayer teach us.

A. The Preface of the *Lords* Prayer whic
is, *Our Father which art in Heaven*, t teache
us to draw near to God with holy reveren
and confidence, as children to a father, ab
and ready to help u us; and that we shou
pray with and for w others.

t *Mat.* 6, 9.

u *Rom.* 8. 15. *luke* 11, 18. w *acts* 12, 5. *Tim.* 2. 1, 2.

q. 101. *What do we pray for in the first* Petitio

A. In the first Petition, which is, *Hallowe*
be thy x *Name*, we pray that God would en
able us and others to glorifie him in all th
whereby he maketh himself y known, and t
he would dispose all thinks to his own z glor

x *Matt.* 6, 9. y *Psal* 62, 2, 3. z *Psal.* 6 9.

q. 102. *What do we pray for in the seco*
Petition?

A. In the Second Petition, which is, *a T*
Kingdom come, we pray that Satans Kingdo
may be *b* destroyed, and that the Kingdo
of grace may be *c* advanced, our selves and o
thers brought into it and kept in *d* it, and th
the Kingdom of Glory may be *e* hasten'd.

a *Mat.* 6, 10. b *Psal* 68, 18. c *apoc.* 12, 10, 11. d 2 *Thes.* 3, 1, *Rom*, 10, 1, *Job* 17, 19, 20, e *apoc*, 22, 20,

q. 103. *What do we pray for in the thir*
Petition?

A. In the thirid Petion, which is, *Thy W*
be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven, we pra
that God by his grace would make us ab
willing to know, obey and submit to his wil
in all things, as the Angels do in *h* Heaven.

f *Matt.* 6, 10, g *Psal*, 67, *Psal*, 119, 36, *Mat*, 26, 39, h 2 *Sam*, 15, 25, *Job*, 1, 21,

q. 104. *What do we pray for in the four*
Petition?

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A. In the fourth Petition, which is, *Give us this day, our daily* i *Bread*, we pray, that of Gods free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with *k* them.

i *Matt.* 11. 6.
k *Pro.* 30. 8. 9. *Gen.* 28. 20. 1 *Tim.* 4. 4, 5.

q. 105. *What do we pray for in the fifth Petition.*

A. In the fifth Petition, which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our* l *Debtors*, we pray, that God for Christs sake would m freely pardon all our sins: which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

l *Mat.* 16. 12.
m *Psal.* 51. 1 2, 7, 9. *Dan.* 9. 17, 18, 19.

q. 106. *What do we pray for in the sixth Petition?*

A. In the sixth Petition, which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from* n *Evil*, we pray, that God would either keep us from being tempted to *p* sin, or support and deliver when we are *q* tempted.

n *luke* 11. 4. *Matt.* 18. 35.
o *Mat.* 5. 13.
p *Mat.* 26. 41.
q 2 *Cor.* 12. 7. 8.

q. 107. *What doth the conclusion of the Lords Prayer teach us.?*

A. The Conclusion of the Lords Prayer, which is, *For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory for ever* r Amen, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing *s* kingdom, power and glory to *t* him: and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say *u* Amen.

r *Mat* 6. 13.
s *Dan.* 9. 4, 7, 8. 9, 16 *to* 19.
t 1 *Chron.* 29. 10 *to* 13.
u 1 *Cor.* 14. 36. *Apoc.* 12, 20. 2.

The

The Ten Commandments.

Exodus. 20.

GOD ſpeak all theſe words, ſaying, *I am* the Lord t
God which have brought thee out of the Land of
gypt out of the houſe of Bondage.

I. Thou ſhalt have no other Gods before me.

II. Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any graven image,
the likeneſs of *any thing* that is in Heaven above, or that
in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the ear
thou ſhalt not bow down thy ſelf to them, nor ſerve the
For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, viſiting the i
quity of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third a
fourth *generation* of them that hate me: and ſhewing mer
unto thouſands of them that love me and keep my Co
ments.

III. Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy G
in vain. for the *L*ord will not hold him guiltleſs that take
his Name in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; ſix da
ſhalt thou labour and doe all thy work, but the ſeventh d
is the Sabbath of the *L*ord thy God, in it thou ſhalt not d
any work, thou nor thy ſon, nor thy daughter, thy ma
ſervant, nor thy maid-ſervant, nor thy cattel, nor the ſtra
ger that is within thy Gates For in ſix days the *L*ord ma
Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is; and re
ed the ſeventh day, wherefore the *L*ord bleſſed the Sabba
day and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that the days m
be long upon the Land which the *L*ord thy God giveth the

VI. Thou ſhalt not kill.

VII. Thou ſhalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou ſhalt not ſteal.

IX. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy Neigh
bour,

X. Tho

X. Thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbours houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbours wife, nor his man-ſervant, nor his maid-ſervant, nor his Ox, nor his Aſs, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.

The LORDS PRAYER.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory for ever, *Amen.*

The CREED.

I *Believe in God the Father Almighty maker of Heaven and Earth: And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin* Mary, *ſuffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was crucified Dead and Buried, he deſcendeded into* * *Hell, the third day he aroſe again from the dead, he aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he ſhall come to judge the quick and the dead: I believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveneſs of ſins, the Reſurrection of the Body, and the life everlaſting.* Amen.

* That is, continued in the ſtate of the Dead, and under the power of Death till the third day.

So

So much of every queſtion is repeated in the Anſwer, maketh every Anſwer an entire Propoſition or Sente in it ſelf, to the end the learner may further improve it on all occaſions, for his increaſe in Knowledge and Piety, ven out of the courſe of Catechiſing, as well as in it,

And albeit the ſubſtance of the Doctrine compriſed in t abridgment, commonly called, *The Apoſtles Creed*, be fu ſet forth in each of the Catechiſms, ſo as there is no nee ſity of inſerting the Creed it ſelf, yet it is here annexed, n as though it were compoſed by the Apoſtles, or ought be eſteemed Canonical Scripture as the ten Commandmen and the Lords Prayer, much leſs a Prayer, (as ignorant pe ple have been apt to make both it and the Decalogue) but b cauſe it is a brief ſumm of the Chriſtian Faith agreeable the Word of God, and anciently received in the Church Chriſt.

FINIS

A FAMILY PRAYER.

To be uſed both Mornings and Evenings; intended for the help of ſuch who may have need thereof.

O Moſt Holy and Glorious Lord God, who art the Maker and Governor, and the Supream Judge of all the World, we muſt all ſhortly appear before thy Judgment Seat where every one of us muſt give an account of our ſelves to thee; and we are now here before thy Mercy-Seat to beg our lives at thy hands, looking up for thy mercy in Chriſt Jeſus unto Everlaſting Life.

O Lord we have ſinned before thee exceedingly, and are fallen under thy Wrath and Curſe. Our natures are wholly corrupted and depraved, our Iniquities have taken root in us, our Inward-parts are very wickedneſs. O the Ignorance and Unbelief, the Enmity and Rebellion, the Pride and Covetouſneſs, the Frowardneſs, the vile Affections, and unclean Thoughts that lodge within us! our hearts are a Cage of unclean Birds, the neſts and ſinks of all manner of Abominations.

We have lived according to the courſe of this World, in the luſts of the fleſh and of our mind, we have minded earthly things, we have been lovers of our eaſe and our pleaſures, more than lovers of God. We acknowledg the lying, the fraud, the unrighteouſneſs, the envy, the malice, that we have either lived in, or been prone unto; We have been filling up our days with ſin and vanity: O what a courſe have we run! O the black roll that is written againſt us before the Lord!

We have not laid our Iniquities to heart, nor have we of our ſelves any mind to repent and return, nor ſcarcely have ſo much as ſaid, *What have I done? What muſt I do to be ſaved?* We do not naturally deſire the knowledg of God: O how little pains have we taken, or are we willing to take, to get underſtanding! We have little minded the other World, or conſidered how we might eſcape the wrath to come.

The Goſpel hath been hid to us, the Blood of Chriſt and his Salvation have been neglected by us, we have often refuſed to be converted, and to become in good earneſt the Diſciples of our Lord. We are loſt and undone in our ſelves, ready to periſh everlaſtingly, and yet how little fear or ſenſe of our danger have we upon our hearts, and how great backwardneſs and unwillingneſs is there in us, yet at laſt to come unto Chriſt, and give our ſelves up to him!

O Lord help us, O Lord have mercy, O Lord take pity upon us! Where are thy bowels and compaſſions? Awaken us out of ſleep, convince us of our ſin and miſery, make us afraid to go on, and willing to return; work us to deep repentance and faith unfeigned, haſten us into Chriſt, ſave us that we periſh not for ever.

O Lord a neceſſity lies upon us to turn, we die if we repent not; but yet we cannot repent, we cannot break nor ſoften our own hearts, they are too hard for us to deal withal; we ſhall certainly be damned for ever, if thou leave us to our ſelves; we look up unto thee in Chriſt for the Power of thy Grace to be revealed on us. O Lord perſwade, O Lord prevail and bow our hearts unto thee; break our Covenant with Death, and bring us into Covenant with thee: O help us ſincerely to accept of thee for our portion, of thy Chriſt for our King and Saviour, of thy Word for the Rule of our Lives, and effectually cauſe us from henceforth to reſign up our ſelves for ever to the Government of our Lord, and to adventure our Souls upon the Righteouſneſs of Chriſt our Saviour.

O Chriſt hear us, O Chriſt ſave us, make us thy Diſciples, anſwer to God for theſe poor guilty Souls; let thy Blood plead for us, and make Reconciliation for our Iniquities, be thou an attonement, through thee let us obtain the pardon of our ſins and peace with God.

Lord make us a new heart, and renew a right Spirit within us. Pity our poor blind Souls, Lord, that we might receive our ſight! ſet our hearts upon the getting knowledg, let us ſeek for it as for Silver, and ſearch for it as for hidden Treaſures, and let us underſtand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledg of God. Help us to know our ſelves, and how matters ſtand betwixt the Lord and our Souls: O let us not be deceived or miſtaken; break down our vain hopes and carnal confidence, let us never think good thought of our Conditions till thou haſt ſavingly changed us. Deſtroy the Enmity that is in us againſt thee and thy holy ways; renew us after the Image of God in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs, mortify all our luſts, let us be proud no more, nor fleſhly minded, nor covetous, nor froward, nor vain in our minds. Work in us a good will to all thy holy ways; and effectually cauſe us to love thee, and fear thee, and truſt in thee, and walk with thee all our days.

Keep us, O Lord, from our Iniquities keep us from the way of lying and hypocriſy, from all unrighteouſneſs and unjuſt dealing, from wrath, evil ſpeaking, and promiſe-breaking, from all intemperance, and exceſs of riot, and from being the companions of evil doers; let us be true, temperate, ſober, peaceable, merciful, let us be holy and harmleſs, the Children of God without rebuke in the midſt of a crooked Nation.

Make us ſerious adventurers for the other World, let us take up our lot with God in the bleſſedneſs to come, and let us no longer be contented to take our portion in this life, let us be wholly for the everlaſting Kingdom. Moderate our Affections to the things of this life, and our care about them; let us not be ſo buſy and eager in ſeeking an earthly ſubſtance, or earthly pleaſures, let us

get us bags that wax not old, a Treaſure in Heaven that faileth not.

Help us, O Lord, to make ſure for Eternity, let us no longer adventure our Souls on the vain hopes and perſwaſions of our fooliſh hearts, but let us give all diligence to make it ſure; to this end, ſet our hearts cloſe to it, to work out our Salvation with fear and trembling; help us to be much in Prayer, in ſearching our hearts, in governing our thoughts and affections, in governing our tongues, and careful to order our whole behaviour as it becometh the Goſpel; let us be rich in good works, full of good fruits, that we may lay up in ſtore for our ſelves a good foundation againſt the time to come.

Prepare us, O Lord, for Death and Judgment, hold us in a daily mindedneſs of our laſt hour, and our laſt account; let us keep Faith, and a good Conſcience, let us be watchful, always ſtanding with our Loins girded, and our Lights burning, and be of them that continually wait for the coming of our Lord.

Help us, O Lord, in ſincerity to praiſe thy name for all thine unſpeakable mercies to us. The Lord be praiſed that we are yet out of Hell, and under the hopes of everlaſting Salvation. We bleſs thee for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and that Redemption that he hath wrought out for ſinners; for the word of reconciliation, which by the Goſpel is preached unto us; for all our calls to repentance, and our incouragements to believe on the name of the Lord Jeſus, and for the aſſurance that thou haſt given us that thou art not willing we ſhould die, but would rather that we ſhould turn and live. We bleſs thee for any deſires thou haſt put into our hearts, to love and fear thy name, for any little ſincerity thou haſt wrought in any of our hearts towards thee. We bleſs thee for the hope which thou haſt ſet before us for hereafter, and all thy proviſions that thou haſt made of good things for us here; thou feedeſt us, thou clotheſt us, we live upon thy bread, we dwell in thy houſes, we are clothed with thy Wool, and thy Flax, we have been kept under thy wing; thou haſt been with us by

day,

day, and watched over us by night, from our firſt time even until now. The Lord be praiſed.

And now, O Lord God, let thy goodneſs and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. We commit our ſelves to thee, take thou the care of us; let thy preſence be continually with us, and thy bleſſing be upon us. Bleſs us at our lying down and at our riſing up; bleſs us in the houſe and in the field, bleſs us with the good things of the day and with the reſt of the night: Let our labours be proſperous: And let us ſleep in ſafety; and where-ever we are, or whatſoever our condition be, whether we proſper or be afflicted, whether we be full or in want, whether we be at home or abroad, whether we awake or ſleep, let us ever be the Lords, and let thy face continually ſhine upon us.

And what we deſire for our ſelves, the ſame grace and mercy we beg for all our friends and relations; yea, and for all the people of God throughout the World. Let thine eyes be over our Land, continue, O Lord, thy dwelling among us from generation to generation. Let our Lord the King live and be bleſſed, let his Throne be eſtabliſhed by Righteouſneſs, let all our Magiſtrates be men fearing God, and hating covetouſneſs; remember thy faithful ſervants in the Miniſtry, and forget not the Children of affliction. Let thy Goſpel be continued amongſt us, let ſinners be brought in, let thy people be built up in faith and holineſs unto everlaſting Life.

O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, O Lord hearken and do, perform the Petitions, and accept the thankſgivings of thy poor ſervants, which we offer up unto thee in the name of our Lord Jeſus, the Lord our Righteouſneſs; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour, Praiſe and Glory for ever. *Amen.*

Note, *That this Form of Prayer for a Family is ſo compoſed, that it may ſerve for the uſe of one Perſon alone, only changing the Plural Number for the Singular.*

A Prayer for the uſe of Children, which their Parents are deſired to teach them betimes, even as aſſoon as they are capable to learn it, and to call upon them to uſe it daily, both Mornings and Evenings.

O Lord God, who art the Rewarder of all them that diligently ſeek thee, and the Revenger of all them that forſake thee, look down in Jeſus Chriſt upon a wretched and ſinful Creature, and grant me mercy unto everlaſting life.

O Lord, I have been born in ſin, my nature is wholly corrupted and defiled, the ſeeds of all Iniquity are in me; ignorance, unbelief, perverſeneſs, and folly are bound up in mine heart: And, O how early have the Corruptions of my Soul begun to bud and break forth in my life! The Devil hath been at work betimes in me, ſowing his Tares, and behold how quickly they have ſprung up: O the idleneſs, the vanity, the pride, the frowardneſs, the unrulineſs, the ſtubborneſs and diſobedience, and the carleſsneſs of this my firſt time.

I have not known the Lord, nor minded to receive thy Inſtructions. I have not duly conſidered whereof I was born, nor what's like to become of me in the World to come. Except I be converted and born again, I know I cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but, O how little do I underſtand what it is to be born again, and how little ſign is there that the work of Converſion is begun in my Soul! how unwilling is mine heart to come unto Chriſts, and to follow

follow God, to break off from my ſins and vanities, and to turn unto thee! O what if I ſhould dye in a ſtate of ſin! How ſoon mayſt thou cut me off! As young as I am this day, I may dye before to morrow, and if I dye in my ſins, wo to me that ever I was born: Where muſt my portion then be, but in everlaſting Flames!

O Lord God, thou God of Mercy and Compaſſions, Pity my poor and wretched Soul, open mine eyes that I may ſee the danger that I am in of periſhing for ever. Convince me of my ſin and miſery, recover me from the ſnares of the Devil, lay hold upon me, and bring me to Chriſt, and grant me repentance unto life. Perſwade me of thy willingneſs to become my God and Father, and make me willing to be thy Child and Servant. Pardon mine Iniquities through the Blood of Jeſus Chriſt, and in him receive me for thine own.

Help me to remember my Creator in the days of my youth, and to renew, and ſtand to my Baptiſmal-Vow and Covenant, wherein I am ingaged, to take the Lord to be my God, and Jeſus Chriſt to be my King and Saviour; to truſt in thee, and ſerve thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of my life. O help me to be ſincere and faithful in this Covenant of the Lord.

Make me a new Creature, give me an underſtanding to know thee, and an heart to love and fear thee, and to cleave unto thee all my days. O ſeaſon and ſanctify my heart with thy Grace from this my firſt time, and do thou Lord undertake for me to train me up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.

Put away from me, O Lord, all my childiſh follies and vanities. Keep me from lying, from evil ſpeaking, and fooliſh talking, from pride and peeviſhneſs, from frowardneſs and unrulineſs. Let me be true, and humble, and meek, and ſerious. Let me be obedient to my Parents and Governours, let me hear their Inſtructi-

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ons, obey their Counſels, and ſubmit to their Reproofs, and in all things behave my ſelf as becometh a Child of God.

O help me to mind the things above, to make ſure for Eternity; let me fight the good fight of Faith, and lay hold on eternal Life, let me ſtrive to enter in at the ſtraight gate, and ſo ſtrive that I may enter; let me run the holy Race that is ſet before me, and ſo run that I may obtain; let me fly youthful luſts, and follow after holineſs, looking diligently, that I fail not of the Grace of God. Help me to grow up in Grace, as I grow up in years, and let my laſt days, and my laſt works be better than my firſt.

Make me thankful for all thy mercies, and continue thy loving kindneſs to me. Lead me, and preſerve me all my time; night and day let thy preſence be with me, and thine eyes be over me for good. I commit my ſelf unto thee, take me for thine own, and take care of me as thine own; let my Body, let my Soul be throughly ſanctified by thee, and preſerved blameleſs unto the coming of Chriſt.

Let thy bleſſing be upon all thy People throughout the World; in eſpecially upon this Land and Nation, upon Magiſtrates, Miniſters, and People, upon my Parents, Governors, and Teachers: Let thy Grace be magnified towards them all, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, be Glory and Praiſe for ever. *Amen.*

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